

SPC Lindsey Forman works in the Directorate of Information Management, Bldg 75043, at Camp Keating, Arkansas 72300. Her primary AO is computer repair and maintenance, however, she often spills over into the network administration AO when there is a shortage of manpower. On or about 30 Sep 05, at or around 1230 while returning from the Canteen, she was asked to assist with a troubleshooting assignment with SGT Leonard Smalley and SFC Allen Dumont. Thinking that she would only be gone for a couple of minutes, SPC Forman did not secure her AO.

When SPC Forman and SGT Smalley returned to the work area at approximately 1615, SPC Forman saw a trouble ticket for the laptop but no computer. Both she and SGT Smalley looked for the laptop but did not locate it. She reported the computer missing at 1645 by notifying CW3 Tinsdale. CW3 Tinsdale ordered an inventory of the shop. When it was determined that the laptop was the only missing item, CW3 Tinsdale called the Unit Commander with a SITREP.

**SPC Forman's Statement:**

"I was only gone for a short time, just to help the guys with the routers and the installation. I really didn't think I would be gone very long so I didn't lock up. LT Andrews dropped the laptop off in the morning just before chow and I figured I would get to it right after. I didn't think I would be called away, you know?  
I'm not in any trouble am I? I mean it's not like I stole it. And the Army, I mean they got a lot of laptops, just issue the LT another one, right?  
Anyway, when I got back to the area, I noticed right away the laptop was missin'. So I called the Chief and he said I needed to do an inventory of the AO to see if anything else was missin' but that's all that was gone; just the computer. Am I gonna have to pay for it?

**CW3 Tinsdale's (SPC Forman's Supervisor) statement:**

SPC Forman is a good soldier; she helps us a lot with the network stuff. We are really short handed in the unit and she pitches in when we need it. It's a really tough thing losing this computer and all. But I don't think she is responsible in any way. Sure she left her AO unlocked but that happens all the time and we've never lost anything before. It's just dumb luck.

**SGT Smalley's statement:**

We bumped into Lindsey, I mean, SPC Forman when she was coming back from the Canteen about 1230 so I didn't think she had anything to do or need to go back to her area or nothin'. I figured we could use her help with the routers in Bldg 14902. She helps out whenever we need so we just figured she could help then too. We didn't mean to get her in trouble, I mean she's a good troop, you know? She knows her stuff. We didn't think we would be so long and when we asked her to make that run to the Canteen, she didn't have to go, I mean she coulda said no and gone back to her AO. Maybe the guy who took the thing wouldn't have had the chance then.

**SFC Dumont's statement:**

Lindsey's not to blame here; I asked for her help and told her to hurry along. She tends to move a little slow sometimes and I told her to hustle up so maybe she didn't secure her area because I made her rush it up. Yeh and maybe she shouldn't have gone to the canteen for the beers but hey we were buyin' and what the heck, she deserved a little sumptin for all the hard work, you know?

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MEMORANDUM FOR SFC Warner R. Miller, Building 75043, Camp Keating, AR  
72300

SUBJECT: Appointment of Investigating Officer

1. You are hereby appointed an Investigating Officer pursuant to AR 735-5, paragraph 13-24, to conduct an investigation of property loss. Your task in conducting an investigation of property loss is to determine whether negligence or willful misconduct was the predominate cause of the loss. If an individual was negligent and that negligence was the cause of the loss, it is **appropriate** to recommend assessment of financial liability against that individual.
2. Whenever it is necessary to advise a witness of their rights under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Article 31b, you should consult with the Servicing Office of Judge Advocate prior to questioning that individual.
3. Submit your findings and recommendations on DD Form 200, Block 15, to this office by 15 Nov 05. In the event you are unable to meet the above suspense date, prepare a written statement explaining the reason for the delay and attach it to the investigation of property loss as an exhibit.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Anthony A. Abrams  
MAJ, FA, ARARNG  
Adjutant

Additional information:

The regulation governing this investigation is AR 735-5 Chapter 13  
The investigation began 6 Oct 05 and you are completing DA Form 200 on 21 Oct 05.

The computer is valued at \$2,315.80 according to FED LOG  
THE NSN of the computer is 702100X050680  
The Computer SN as entered on SPC Forman's repair log is: R00W39L02  
SFC Miller's DSN is 987 1234

Possible actions to correct circumstances reported in Block 9 and prevent future occurrences:

1. Always secure workbench AO
2. Do not leave AO for duties not proscribed by assignments
3. Use provided lockers to secure computers and valuables when leaving AO